

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7733–7774.*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2234–2241, and S. Res. 305–306. **Pages S7770–71**

**Measures Passed:**

*Waters of the United States:* By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate passed S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. **Pages S7735–43**

*Congratulating the Kansas City Royals:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory. **Pages S7755–58**

*National Apprenticeship Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as “National Apprenticeship Week”. **Page S7774**

**Measures Considered:**

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S7743–55, S7758–69**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2015, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided in the usual form; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 11 a.m. **Page S7774**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S7769**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7769–70**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7771–72**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S7769**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7774**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7774**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—297) **Page S7743**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7774.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### REFORMING THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on a biennial approach to better budgeting, including S. 150, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Senators Isakson and Carper; Representative David E. Price; former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives William G. Batchelder III, The Buckeye Institute, Columbus; and Robert L. Bixby, The Concord Coalition, Washington, D.C.

#### GAGGING HONEST REVIEWS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how gagging honest reviews harms consumers and the economy, after receiving testimony from Adam Medros, TripAdvisor LLC, Newton, Massachusetts; Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and Ira Rheingold, National Association of Consumer Advocates, both of Washington, D.C.; Eric Goldman, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California; and Jennifer Kulas Palmer, Hillsboro, Oregon.

**U.S. POLICY IN NORTH AFRICA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in North Africa, after receiving testimony from Haim Malka, Center for Strategic and International Studies Middle East Program, and William Lawrence, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, both of Washington, D.C.

**D.C. OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the value of education choices for low-income families, focusing on reauthorizing the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, including S. 2171, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Scott; Representative Norton; Kevin P. Chavous, Serving Our Children, Mary E. Blaufuss, Archbishop Carroll High School, Gary Jones, and Linda Cruz Catalan, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher A. Lubienski, University of Illinois, Champaign.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coons, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**AMERICAN VICTIMS OF TERRORISM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the American victims of Iranian and Palestinian terrorism, after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Stethem, Aegis Industries, LLC, Eric Lorber, and Ilan Goldenberg, both of the Center for a New American Security, Richard D. Heideman, Heideman Nudelman and Kalik, PC, and Robert Wexler, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, all of Washington, D.C.; Kent A. Yalowitz, Arnold and Porter LLP, New York, New York; Orde F. Kittrie, Arizona State University, Tempe, on behalf of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies; and Daniel Miller, PediStat, Miami, Florida.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3918–3931; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 514–516 were introduced. **Pages H7741–42**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7742–43**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2130, to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–327).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7627**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H7635–36**

**Hire More Heroes Act of 2015:** The House continued consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate ap-

plies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 5th.

**Pages H7650–52, H7653–54, H7654–H7740**

Pursuant to the Rule, no further amendments to the pending amendment, consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–32 shall be in order except those printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–326. Additionally, no further amendment to the Senate amendment, as amended by H. Res. 507, shall be in order except those printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 22 pursuant to House Resolution 512, amendment number 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326 may be considered as though printed immediately following amendment number 9 in part B of H. Rept. 114–326.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 22 pursuant to House Resolution 512, amendment number 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326 may be considered out of sequence.

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